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15. (SBU) By all accounts the first day's session of this first-ever genocide tribunal in Cambodia went well, but the proceedings also raised a concern about the length of time it is taking to wade through issues raised by civil party lawyers. On the other hand, the judges could be seen to confer together on the bench and to appear to make strategic choices together about how to decide on matters, if not to reach decisions on substance immediately. Only time will tell how problematic the participation of the 12 civil party attorneys proves to be.
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